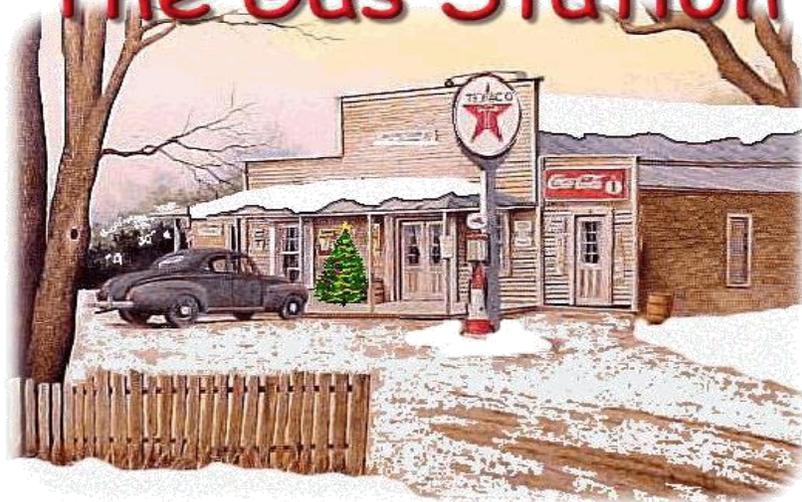


**THE "WRITTEN WELCOME" OF
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Christmas at The Gas Station



DEC 4, 2011

TOM MOOTY - PASTOR

Good Morning everyone! We are so very happy to have each and every one of you in our worship celebration today. We trust you and your entire family will be richly blessed by your presence here.

Visiting friends, please fill out the card which is enclosed in your Newsletter and place it in the offering plate. We would consider it an honor and a privilege to help you with your prayer requests too; so please use the back side of that card for that.

OUR SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

Continental Breakfast for everyone (9:00), Choir Practice starts (9:30), Bible Study begins (10:00), Southern Gospel Mini Concert commences (10:40).

MORNING WORSHIP BEGINS AT 10:58

Praise/Worship coordinated by Matthew Maynard

Cheryl Presnell - **MUSICIANS** - Larry Strange
Charlie Ownby, Jerry Thomas, Bryon Ownby



**"THE SONSHINE FOR SHUT-INS
BROADCAST"**
**OVER WLIK (1270 AM) and WORLD
WIDE WEB**
(SUNDAYS 11:00-12:00 EASTERN)

"SHAKE 'N HOWDY TIME"

Followed by

"PREACHER PAPA'S" KIDS' KORNER"

Worship with Tithes and Offerings; and PrayerTime
(Conducted by Rita McNabb)

BROTHER TOM'S MESSAGE FOR TODAY:

**"The Personalities of Christmas -
Joseph"**



THIS AFTERNOON

**"IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS" RADIO
BROADCAST**

(With Evangelist R. V. Maynard)

SUNDAYS ON WLIK: 1:00 - 1:30

(Notice the sign on I-40 Westbound)

TONIGHT

Coffee Club begins in the "Lion 'n Lamb Café and Activities begin in the Gymnasium at 4:30.

Children's Church Program Practice begins at 5:00
No Choir Practice

Church in the Chapel begins at 6:00
With another great message brought by
Brother Jordon Williams

For other announcements, please see the back pages.

IMA SIGN SAYINGS (or "I'm just sayin')

**"I just want to thank God for letting me be His Child"
(Joyce Ogle in Testimony Time)**

**"God is not the only source of suffering; but He is
the only source of strength in suffering"**

**"There is a cemetery in every community and every
town; and they are all being regularly used"**

THE CENTER PIECE

"GOD'S MERCY"

(Written by Tim LaHaye
Adapted by Tom Mooty)

To fully appreciate God, one must understand that He is merciful and full of compassion and love for His creation. Those who reject the free gift of salvation from His Son or who take note only of His "acts of judgment" can never truly understand God.

Anyone who is familiar with the Bible will realize that God wants man to know Him as merciful. David, who probably knew God better than most other writers of the Old Testament, described God as "merciful" hundreds of times in the Psalms. In fact, in Psalms 136 alone, David states "His mercy endures forever" 26 times!

Nowhere is that mercy seen more clearly than in the Book of Revelation. That statement may come as a bit of a shock to those who may only be familiar with Revelation's more horrendous passages that describe the various judgments to be unleashed on this earth during the seven-year Tribulation. While it is true that during this period, God will pour out His wrath upon those who refuse to believe in Him and have instead turned to the anti-christ and even Satan himself in worship; it is equally true that, at the same time, the Mercy of God will also be made abundantly clear.

God has clearly stated that the decision we make concerning Him and His Son determines our eternal destiny; but during the "Great Tribulation", God will demonstrate His incredible mercy by a number of specific acts.

For example, prior to the beginning of the Tribulation, all Believers will be "raptured" up to heaven in order to protect us from the wrath to come. This keeps the promise Jesus made in John 14:1-3.

In Revelation 3:10 God reinforces the point that He will protect those who have accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior from the trials of the Great Tribulation; and, beginning in Revelation 4 as an illustration, the apostle John himself is "raptured" from the Earth before the

Tribulation is described and is able to view its sobering events from the safety of heaven.

Not only will God protect His church from the impending judgments by the rapture, He has several different means of preaching and witnessing during the Tribulation Period: the "144,000 evangelists", the "2 witnesses", a "powerful angel in the heavens" and "repeated warnings". God will intervene supernaturally in the affairs of the world in an attempt to make His message of salvation plain to all.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are looking for a spiritual church home for your entire family, we offer you our services; and ask that you please consider us. Brother Tom will be happy to discuss this with you at any time! We receive members anytime the church is in session; any way the Gospel authorizes - Christian Baptism, Statement of Christian Faith, or Transfer of Letter.

WEDNESDAY, DEC 7 - Wonderful Wednesday Bible Studies for Youth and Adults; and the Children's Church will practice their Christmas Program. Fellowship and activities begin at 5:00; classes begin at 6:00 PM.

THURSDAY, DEC 8 - Brother Tom's Victory Bible Class will meet at 7:00. Everyone invited to continue this study of the Book of Second Samuel.

SUNDAY, DEC 11 - Brother Tom continues his series of Christmas messages in the morning. The evening service will be our beautiful "Music of Christmas" celebration; and the Girls' Choir of our Children's Church will be featured along with anyone who wishes to sing or testify amidst the beautiful Christmas Decorations. After they sing, the Children's Church will go to the Chapel to practice their delightful Christmas Program.

SUNDAY, DEC 14 - Wonderful Wednesday Bible Studies for Youth and Adults; and the Children's Church will practice their Christmas Program.

THURSDAY, DEC 15 - Brother Tom's Victory Bible Class will meet at 7:00 (if needed). Everyone invited!

FRIDAY, DEC 16 - Written by Pastor John Rush, the Liberty Church of Cosby will present "Ebenezer's Candle" at 7:00 PM; and we would love to have a good group to go up and support them.

SATURDAY, DEC 17 - Everyone is invited to the wedding of Amanda Ball and Nick Holt in our auditorium at 4:00 PM; followed by the reception in our Family Center.

SUNDAY, DEC 18 - Brother Tom continues his series of Christmas Messages: "The Personalities of Christmas". The Evening service will feature the Children's Christmas Program at 6:00; followed by the Church Christmas Party. Check the "white board" (Little Billy Board) in the Chapel for items you can bring to this delightful fellowship.

WEDNESDAY, DEC 21 - Wonderful Wednesday Bible Studies for Adults, Youth and Children.



**SUNDAY, DEC 25 -
Beautiful Christmas
Morning Celebration of
the Birth of Jesus The
Christ begins at 11:00!
There will be no Sun-
day School that morn-
ing or Choir Practice or Evening Services that evening.**

JUST A WORD ABOUT BILL BOARD AND IMA SIGN

The announcements on the "screen" (Bill Board) as you come in and go out on Sunday are to help keep you better informed; but they are only as good as the input we have for them. The same thing goes for our electronic reader sign up on the highway (Ima Sygn). We have been able to have birthdays up there this year; and coming next year - anniversaries!

We are also very civic and patriotic minded; and try to have announcements that benefit both the secular and sacred communities. Yes, we use a little humor, color, and graphics; but we really need your input to keep these up to date.

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